MBTA PCC Cars

Trolley Car No.10 is back ... On track!

MBTA 3321 - The last trolley built in Massachusetts, as it looked when it arrived at SFTM.

MBTA 3321 after the old paint and windows were removed and primer applied.

MBTA 3321 with roof and window belt painted.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) 3299 and 3321 These "PCC" Cars are trolley cars built in 1951 by the Pullman-Standard company of Worcester, MA, for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), later to become the MBTA. They ran in Boston, MA for their entire service life, from 1951 to 1985. They served primarily on what is now the Green Line. They were then stored for a number of years, before being used in an abortive streetcar project in Brooklyn NY, which left them stored on an exposed pier. They were flooded by Hurricane Sandy and brought to the Museum in 2015. This style of PCC Car was called a "Picture Window" car because of the large side windows. MBTA 3321 is the last trolley car built in Massachusetts.

In 2022 we had the cars "sand" blasted and primed, and ordered new windows for 3321. We plan to cosmetically restore these cars; 3321 to the orange and cream of the MTA in the 1950's, and 3329 to the 1970's "Green Line" appearance. Please do not go inside these cars.

Here are some pictures of the PCC cars prior to their arrival at SFTM.

Here is a blog post of memories of riding the PCC cars in Boston by Joan Livingston.

Please make an Online Donation for the PCC Cars Fund.

Here is sister car MBTA 3295 at the Watertown Carhouse in May 1983.

Here is picture window PCC car MBTA 3303 and a sister on a fan trip in Spring 1978. Probably Newton Highlands on the Green Line. SFTM founder Dave Bartlett and wife Polly Bartlett are in the rear window.

Here is picture window PCC car MBTA 3282 and a sister leaving Woodland Station June 1972. Photo by Robert A. Newbegin, collection of Sam Bartlett.
The orange and cream is the paint scheme we intend for our 3321.

Here are some pictures of our cars in their MTA and MBTA days from Dave's Railpix: *3299 at Reservoir Car House*, *3321 at Reservoir Yard*, *3321 on the Riverside Line* and *3321 at Cleveland Circle*.

Can you make a donation to our General Fund, or one of our Projects?

The Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum exists due to the generosity of members, visitors and friends. Tickets cover about one-third of our operating costs. Donations are tax-deductible, the museum is a 501(c)(3) organization, run entirely by volunteers. Our Tax ID is 04-3133373. Feel free to research our operation at Guidestar.org.

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Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum
PO BOX 272
14 Depot Street
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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